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PROPAGATION: Apr 2, High/Low Normal; Apr 3-6, High Normal; Apr 7, Low Normal; Apr 8, Below Normal; Apr 9, Disturbed; Apr 10, Below Normal; Apr 11, 12, Low Normal; Apr 13, High Normal. TNX N4XX and KH6BZF.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
174	229	3/18	119	16	3
169	224	3/19	119	24	3
177	219	3/20	122	21	3
183	214	3/21	117	13	2
184	215	3/22	118	11	3
189	204	3/23	117	10	2
185	190	3/24	118	9	3
200	191	3/25	118	45	5
204	195	3/26	118	16	2
198	198	3/27	110	4	2
204	201	3/28	105	22	4
215	199	3/29	99	27	5

SPRATLY: Latest word from West Germany is still that the group (DJ3NG, DJ6SI, DJ4EI, and DF6FK) leaves Mar 30 for Spratly, expecting to begin operations April 7. How long they stay will depend on how long it takes them to get from Singapore to the Spratlys, by katamaran. Look for about three to four days. Callsigns are 1S1SI, 1S3NG, 1S4EI, and 1S6FK. CW QSLs to DJ6SI, SSB cards to DK9KD.

CHINA: BY8AA and BY1PK both continue to appear about three or four evenings a week, on 15 and 20 Meters CW starting about 0030Z. They are a very tough catch from the East Coast. QSL response has slowed; one local has waited eight weeks and still no BY8AA card. VE7BC was in Beijing last week, working CW on 14170 at 0100Z, listening for SSB on 14200 and up. This was supposedly a "training exercise."

EQUATORIAL GUINEA: the operation mentioned last week (by TR8JD) was really by F6BBJ; Jacky had been operating from TR8JD and hoped to go to 3C1 after that. Nothing heard from him as this is typed (3/30).

POLAND: club station SP3KEY said, on 20 Meters, that as many as 500 SP stations could be active for the annual SP DX Contest Apr 2/3, by special permission. About two dozen Polish DXers had a special dispensation to work Heard Island in February.

DAYTON HAMVENTION: coming Apr 29-May 1. This year the Southwest Ohio DX association sponsors DX activities. The club's new officers (K8MN, W8KKF, K8BA) will have on tap a BY1PK presentation by JALBK, K8CW with his Heard Island story, Eric Sjolund, SMØAGD with his latest Pacific trip report, and an ARRL DXAC presentation by W3AZD, N4MM (Board liaison) and WØSR (DXAC chairman). Your editor regrets not being able to attend this year, but we are having the DX forum taped for us and will have a full report the following week.

14.100 MHz BEACONS: the network is now two short of being complete, with the addition of OH2B. JA2IGY is due on the air in early April. There's no word on when the Madeira Island beacon might be activated. The order is 4U1UN, W6WX, KH6O, JA2IGY, 4X6TU, OH2B, (blank), and ZS6DN. OH2B is at the Helsinki Technical University in Espoo, managed by the Finnish Radio Amateur League (OH6GJ in charge).

BANGLADESH: JH1RNZ and friends entered Bangladesh on schedule the week before last, S21BG and S21DX licenses in hand, but they were unable to get their radio equipment through Customs.

BRIEFLY NOTED: 9Y4RD/STØ, with the U.N. in S. Sudan, likes 15 Meters, and sometimes checks into the 21.292 activity at 1900Z... K1BJ/3B8, may be on Reunion about the time you read this...W2NSD knows nothing about a 9M6BP...FOØJO (W6GO) and FOØOJ (K6HHD) made 8915 contacts from French Polynesia at the end of last October; QSLs are going into the mail at this time...FCC has extended the comment deadline on "no-code" licensing to June 28...on a related note, W8OK is in charge of an assault on the all-time CW copying record at the Dayton Hamvention; according to the W5YI Report, one Jerry B. Farrell, 55, WB7VKI, hopes to be there to break the 40-year standing record of T.L. McElroy (75.2 wpm). Farrell has already been clocked at over 70 wpm and he practices at 100 wpm!...W6QHS/3A and KA6HSM/3A will be active Apr 13-15 on 40 and 20 Meters...Try BV2B with W7PHO, 21345 @ 2330Z, Wed and Fridays...UK1PAC, on 20 Meters CW, is apparently Franz Josef Land...T42AMC is at the Havana Trade Fair, QSL to the Cuba bureau...ZL1AMO/Chatham plans to be on until about Apr 12.

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YASME REPORT: KUWAIT, MARCH 17:

"This is a report on the YASME DX-Peditions to HZ1AB, Saudi Arabia, and 9K2QL, Kuwait. We (W6KG and W6QL) visited HZ1TA and HZ1TC in the capital city of Riyadh, which is a large, modern city. It is unusual in that it is not uncommon to see stores closed but many items that they sell left in front of the store unguarded. Also, stores can occasionally be found open with no attendant present. One reason for this is that the people are very religious, and also, if a thief is caught, his hand is cut off!

"We visited HZ1AB in Dharan, where there are thirty operators, and they agreed to allow us to operate the ARRL International DX Contest, CW, on Feb 19 and 20. We made 1500 QSOs, with four of the regular operators helping. QSLs for this period go to YASME.

"Next we went to Kuwait, where we were extremely fortunate to receive the special call 9K2QL. This is the first special call issued to visiting amateurs in a long time. The first few days we stayed at the Marriott Hotel, which is a ship in dock like the Queen Mary in California. The problem was the port holes could not be opened, so there was no way we could get the coax into the stateroom. We finally moved to one of the nearby chalets, where we convinced the manager that our 3-element beam would be a desirable addition to the swimming pool and garden area of his 5-star hotel! We made 6500 contacts in 125 countries from 9K2QL. We are now operating from Jordan, using Lloyd's JY8KG call. After that, home to California."

K4YT REPORT: BOMBAY, MARCH 8:

First stop was Turkey, where I could not get TAlSU (Istanbul) on the telephone. Washington cancelled my Ankara stop. In Baghdad, Iraq, K7ZZ is working seven days a week and has no plans to try to operate. Joe Lutz (TA3CW and W7LPF/DU2) is now in Baghdad, has his gear with him, and hopes to be able to operate eventually. He will be in Iraq two-and-a-half years. The current problem with issuing licenses to visitors is the war with Iran; word is that if the war ever stops YI9 calls might be issued to aliens.

I visited YI1BGD and met Kamal and Saad. Was not allowed to operate. Saad is in the military and an electronics engineer, and Kamal is in his last year of engineering school. After that, he'll have to go into the military.

In Pakistan, I operated briefly from AP2HM in the ARRL DX SSB Contest March 5; QSLs for that can go to my regular manager W2TK. After that I stayed with VU2YOU in Delhi, then planned on Sri Lanka and possibly 8Q7 through the end of March. Next stops are Thailand (no radio), 9V1VP, Indonesia, and VS5 (see Calendar -ed).

K5YY REPORT: LITTLE ROCK, late MARCH

My latest DXpedition, Number Ten since 1969, produced 11,110 contacts and brought my all-time total to about 85,000. I had set out to concentrate on CW and the Low Bands for the benefit of 5-Band DXCC chasers. The overall CW percentage was 43, with a high of 74 percent from 9V1VP. Contacts with the U.S. were 5820 out of the 11,110, including about six hundred on SSB in the ARRL Contest Mar 5/6. I managed 1500 contacts on 40 and 80 Meters, despite the very difficult conditions (many broadcast birdies and pirate stations in the area).

In East Malaysia, I was guest of honor at a Boy Scouts banquet, where I received a plaque of appreciation for bringing them some radio items, including a Butternut vertical and ARRL "WARC Kit." 9M6 has many licensed amateurs but only four with rigs; most are PTT employees who just got a license for the fun of it and have never operated.

My VS5YY license in Brunei will be the last issued to an outsider for the time being. I attended the first meeting of the new Brunei Radio Society at VS5HG's home. The club intends to conduct code and theory classes. VS5 has many active hams but the most active remain VS5HG and Moody, VS5MS. I did some antenna work for a couple of the Brunei hams, and left them with an increased interest in operating the Low Bands.

As for licensing in East Malaysia, although I was originally told there would be no ticket forthcoming, I got 9M6YY with help from several influential people.

Propagation to the States from the entire area (9M6, 9V1, VS5) is only about four hours a day: 0000-0200Z on 28/21 MHz, and 1200-1400Z on 80/40, plus a regular opening on 14 MHz at 1400-1500Z. Propagation is especially difficult from Singapore, especially on the Low Bands. 9V1VP had never heard any signals on 80 before, but I worked about fifty US stations on that band. Signals were down about four "S" units from the 80 Meter signals at VS5 and 9M6 to the North.

"This will be my last trip for some years to come, since I will be returning to active medical practice this summer. The last fourteen years (of DXpeditions) have been fun but very time-consuming." -- K5YY

MUSIC CORNER: If you are interested in contemporary music and/or audiophile techniques, you will want to get the new Pink Floyd album "The Final Cut." It uses a holographic recording technique and has the best depth and dynamic range this editor has heard in a "standard" recording. "Standard" meaning non-digital, non "original Master," and pressed in the U.S. In case you didn't know, records pressed in other countries, primarily Japan and Germany, have much less surface noise and are generally higher in quality than those pressed in the U.S.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2SQ 14197 13C 22	JT1AN 7008 13W 21	UK1PAC 14032 05W 20	4S7EF 14050 01C 23
A71AD 14209 15C 25	JT1KAA 14025 02W 21	EK9C/Ø 14035 16W 22	5B4MO 28563 13E 27
BY8AA 14053 02E 24	JW1UW 14225 16C 23	UD6FFF 14028 03W 24	5H3BH 28612 13E 27
BY8AA 14053 02C 24	JY8KG 28522 13E 27	UH8HBZ 14026 01E 23	5Z4CM 7004 04C 21
BY1PK 14020 01C 25	JY9RC 14011 23C 30	UH8HCA 14041 02W 27	5Z4MX 14022 14C 23
BY8AA 21048 01E 28	J28DP 21028 18W 27	UI8LAC 14003 15E 26	6W8EX 21026 19E 27
BY1PK 14170 03W 30	J88AY 14021 01C 25	UK8GAA 14004 03C 25	7P8CR 14213 16C 25
CEØZAD 14214 03C 24	KC4USV 14208 12C 23	UJ8XCI 14036 03W 27	7X2BK 28518 14E 27
CEØZE 28531 22E 27	AH2G 7008 13C 23	VQ9CI 14201 13C 21	7X4AN 3504 04E 30
CN8CY 7087 07C 21	KC6IN 3800 13W 20	VS5HG 14221 16C 24	8Q7AZ 14215 12C 24
CR9FE 14215 12C 28	(W. Carol)	VS6DO 14208 12C 23	9J2TY 14011 00C 24
CT3DJ 14034 00E 22	KG6RT 3508 11E 20	VU2CK 14201 12C 23	9K2BE 28511 12E 27
NØZO/	M1C 21025 17C 24	VU2KMK 14029 01E 23	9M2AX 14021 01E 23
DU2 14025 12E 22	M1C 21290 17C 24	VU2LV 21038 17W 27	
DULCK 14034 16W 23	OD5LX 3503 04E 26	ZB2GR 28569 13E 27	Mail reports to
EA8AT 28003 20E 22	S79MC 21276 19C 24	ZD9BX 21335 19W 20	reach Vernon by Wed-
EA8QE 14050 00E 22	TA1UA 21024 12E 26	ZD9BV 28640 19E 27	nesday, or phone:
EA9JE 14038 03W 24	TF3CU 7007 02E 26	ZL1AMO/	
FB8WI 14018 13C 22	TJ1GH 28503 14C 20	C 7006 12C 30	203-871-7699.
FB8ZP 14217 15W 20	TR8DC 21022 23C 24	3B8CF 7006 02C 19	
FO8JL 28529 22E 24	TR8GD 21298 00E 24	3B8FG 14028 03E 24	Best contributor of
FO8HL 28632 19E 27	DL9ZAX/	K1BJ/	information each
FR7BP 14029 12C 23	TT8 21292 20C 24	3B8 14037 03W 27	month wins a free
FRØFLO 14213 15C 25	TT8AD 28062 14E 27	3B9DA 14211 12C 24	year of TDXB.
FY7AQ 14018 00E 23	TU2LS 21327 22W 20	3B9DA 14210 13C 25	
HC8FN 28623 19E 27	T3ØAT 14008 19W 23	3D6AJ 28578 15E 22	
HKØBKX 14016 13E 26	T32AB 28516 23E 24	3D6AK 7003 22E 22	
JA1CGM 3504 11E 20	T42ADT 14031 02W 24	3D6AK 14032 23E 25	

QSL HELP SOUGHT: WØBN apparently no longer handling QSLs for W9WNV's 1960's operations (VQ9s, FR7, etc). Anybody have a lead on these? Write TDXB.

K8NW wants a tip on 9G1WA, 1980; Box 296
Accra does not work.

SWLer WDXØM looking for the following: CR7VL (71), VQ8EL (72), ET3DS (71), FL8DS (73), YA1GNT (72), ZD9GA (72) and 5R8BD (72) Write TDXB with the answers.

K4CEF says a good bottle of wine will go to the person helping him get a VS9ARC QSL from March, 1964.

DX CALL	QSL TO						
AP2KD	JJ1TBB	N8DCJ/8P6	N8DCJ	VU2YOU	K4YT	7P8CI	KA2CDE
A35JL	K9AUB	N9SW/6Y5	N9SW	V2AU	OE3ALW	7Z2AP	I8YCP
CE3DNP	WB6WOD	OABCW	N4CQ	V3DW	KC7LE	8P6J	WA6OTU
CN8DO	K1SJ	ON6BC/C9	ON6NY	V3HE	DL1JW	8P6NW	KA9EBM
CN8EU	KA4S	OX5JW	KH6GDR	WBØLQS/DU6	WB7EAE	9H1EL	LA2TO
CO2HQ	WB6QPG	PT2ZAI	K4IQH	W1BIH/PJ2	W1BIH	9M2HB	N4FFN
CQ4UA	W3HNK	PY1EFM/PYØT	PY1EFM	W2BBK/PJ7	W2BBK	9U5JM	F3LQ
CT2DL	KE4OC	S79ARB	WA2PPN	W8JBI/J8	W8JBI	9Y4JW	K2QIE
C53DF	G3LQP	TI2BEV	W4ZØ	W9NXD/HR2	N8CVH		
DK7PE/HBØ	DK7PE	TL8ER	F6GQK	ZD7WT	ZD8TM		
DPØLEX	DL6NI	TO5RV	F5RV	ZD8JGN	W9CN		
DU7RLC	VE2FGS	TO6CBK	F6CBK	ZD9BV	W4FRU		
EA5YU/EA8	EA5YU	TO9RM	F9RM	ZD9BX	KA1DE		
EK9C/Ø	KA6V	TR8JD	F6AJA	ZD9YL	W4FRU		
EN6A	UK6AAJ	TT8AC	N4NX	ZP5XDW	N4DW		
FB8WI	F6GXB	TT8AD	HB9CLA	ZS1JD	N4BPP		
FM7WS	F2BS	TT8BC	K4PHE	ZS3AG	WA2JUN		
F5RV/FC	F5RV	TU2IF	HB9APF	ZS3GB	NØAFW		
G4LJF/3B8	G4DYO	T42AMC	CO BUREAU	ZS6AOO	WA3HUP		
HH2SD	VE3CVZ	UK2RDX	W7PHO	ZY5VX	PY5VX		
HI8LC	W2KF	VE7CZH/4U	VE7DLM	3B8DB	K5BDX		
HP1XEK	DL1HH	VG2AB	VO2AB	3D6AJ	WB3CQN		
HP1XJC	NR4V	VKØCW	N2DT	4K1G	UAØUCJ		
HP3JRP	K4WVX	VKØHI	N2DT	4U1UN	W2MZV		
J39CM	WB2LCH	VKØJS	VK9NS	4X4MS/5NØ	DL8MAE		
J87LTA	K4LTA	VP5FUX	KB9AW	4X6DF	KC2MS		
KA1UA/J8	WA1KAT	VP5KMX	WB9TIY	5H3DM	G3NXX		
KH7AA	KH6JEB	VP5MOX	KF1V	5NØWNL	ON5NT		
K1COW/PJ7	K1COW	VQ9CW	WB1DQC	5N3ECA	I6DZB		
K4FW/VP2K	K4FW	VS6CT	KB9N	5R8AL	WA4VDE		
K8WW/VP9	K8WW	VU2JXO	WA3TLB	5Z4CM	W5BCB		
LU5ZA	LU2A	VU2RX	W2LOG	6W8DY	VE4SK		

CALENDAR

Chatham ZL1AMO/C NOW to about Apr 12
 Trindade PY1EFM/PY0T on NOW; I 180, 181, 183
 YASME W6KG/W6QL NOW at JY8KG, then home
 Rodriguez 3B9DA on 20 SSB NOW to May
 Crozet No reports on FB8WI in two weeks

Eq Guinea Possible NOW by F6BBJ; I 184
 Spratly 1S1SI group due on Apr 7; I 184
 China BY1PK/BY8AA active; I 184
 Reunion FR7 possible NOW by K1BJ
 Chatham Need reports on ZL4OY/C

W Kiribati T30CX by VK3AWN NOW to Apr 8
 Singapore 9V1VP by K4YT Apr 4-11
 Egypt N5RM/SU, CW, Apr 8-12
 Sierra Leone Field Day Apr 9/10; I 181
 Indonesia YB0 by K4YT Apr 11-18

Monaco 3A by W6QHS, KA6HSM, Apr 13-15
 Virgin Is AD8J/KP2 Apr 17-24
 Convention Int'l DX, Visalia CA Apr 22-24
 Hamvention Dayton, Apr 29-May 1; I 184
 Agasawara By KC2HQ, JR1YGP, last week of April

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 W7YF, K4YT, K6HHD, W8UVZ, WB8BTH,
 W6YY, K6YY, YASME, KA1BE, N2CGB,
 NF4A, WB6FCR, DA2ZH.

"Have you seen my quad gate mixer?"
 Tom injected. (KN8Z).

"The QRN finally went away,"
 Tom said ecstatically.

"Where's my VU7 QSL?"
 Tom asked adamantly. (WB6RSE).

"If it comes, do you think that
 DXCC will accept it?"
 Tom asked searchingly. (WB6RSE)

"That TF is a phoney,"
 Tom said icily. (W4GW).

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